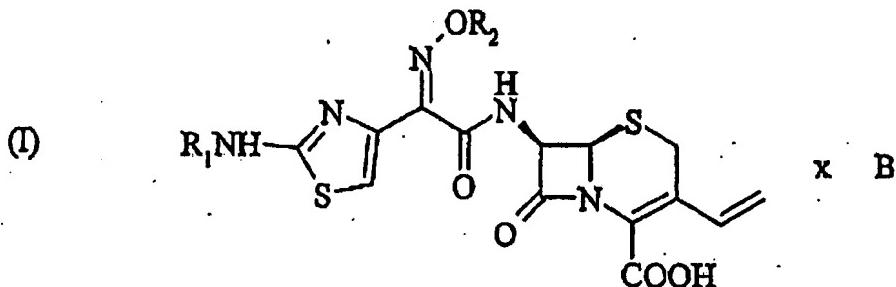


Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A An isolated salt as set forth in formula (I)



wherein

- R₁ is hydrogen or an amino-protecting group, selected from C₁-C₆ acyl group
optionally substituted with one or more chlorine or fluorine atoms formyl, an alkyl-
or aryl-oxy carbonyl group, or a trityl group wherein each benzene ring is
optionally substituted with one or more methoxy and/or methyl groups;
- R₂ is a hydroxy-protecting group selected from a straight or branched C₁-C₆ alkyl
group, a benzyl, benzhydryl or trityl group wherein each benzene ring is
optionally substituted with one or more methoxy, nitro and/or methyl groups;
- B is ammonia or an organic base selected from primary amines, secondary amines,
tertiary amines, guanidine, amidines[[; a solvate]] or an adduct thereof,
[[excluding tributylamine,]] wherein said adduct is a complex of said salt and a
compound represented as H-Z, wherein